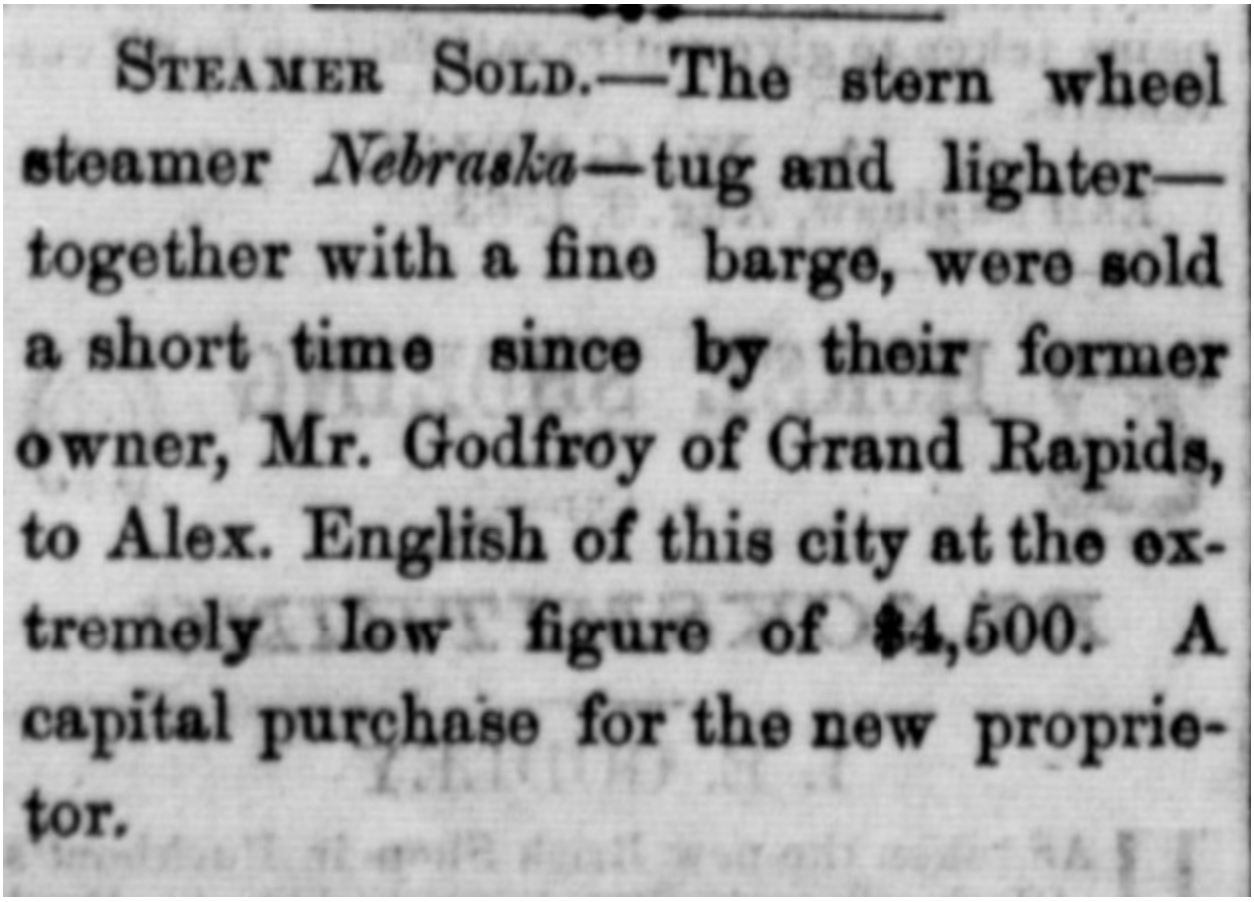

STEAMER SOLD.—The stern wheel steamer *Nebraska*—tug and lighter—together with a fine barge, were sold a short time since by their former owner, Mr. Godfroy of Grand Rapids, to Alex. English of this city at the extremely low figure of $4,500. A capital purchase for the new proprietor.

January 27

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MISCELLANEOUS.

The first craft built on Saginaw river was the stern wheel steamer *Buena Vista*, at East Saginaw in 1849, since which time vessels, steamers, river crafts; barges etc. have been built at various points to the extent of 18,000 tnns.

February 10

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NAVIGATION OPEN.—The screw steamer *Star*, Capt. LEWIS, commenced her regular trips between East Saginaw and Saginaw City last Monday, March 7. The *Star* has been generally refitted, neatly painted and makes, as usual, good, honest time.

March 9, 1864

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Steamer Lines.

The steamer *Ariel*, Captain Ogdeu, commenced her trips between Saginaw and Bay City some two weeks since, and will continue to run on that route during the present season.

Ward's line of steamers, *Forest Queen* and *Susan Ward*, will run as last year on the Detroit, Saginaw and Cleveland route, commencing as soon as navigation is open. Rice, Morris & Co. are agents for the line at this port.

The steamer *May Queen*, Capt. Gil. Traverse, will run between Saginaw and Detroit, Walker & Gooding, agents.

The steamer *Huron*, which has been thoroughly rebuilt during the past winter, has been chartered to run between this port and Goderich, in connection with Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway, D. Cole, Master; Walker & Gooding, Agents. She is now in readiness for sailing and only waits the opening of navigation to commence her trips. The Huron will also run in connection with a propeller line from Goderich to Chicago.

A line of propellers will undoubtedly be established between here and Buffalo, to touch at Cleveland on up and down trips, but the arrangement therefor has not yet been perfected.

The up-river lines of steamers will not be materially changed from last year's arrangement. The *Bell Seymour* will run to Midland, the *Louisa* to St. Charles, and the *Star* and *Excelsior* to Saginaw City.

THE REINDEER SOLD.—We learn from a reliable source that the steamer *Reindeer* has been sold to Capt. Ward, of Detroit, who will run her on the Port Huron route.

March 30, 1864

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NAVIGATION OPEN.—The steamer *Reindeer*, which left Bay City last Monday morning, succeeded in reaching Detroit without material difficulty, Tuesday morning. The *Susan Ward*, which left Detroit Monday afternoon, reached here Wednesday afternoon.

The steamer *Bell Seymour* is now running regularly between here and Midland City; the *Louisa* has taken her place on the St. Charles route, and the little steam packet *Excelsior* is in full commission on the route to Salina.

April 6, 1864

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STEAMER RUBY.—We learn from reliable authority that the low pressure steamer *Ruby* is soon to be placed on the route between Saginaw and Bay City. The *Ruby*, though not a new boat, is a comfortable, snug built, little craft, makes first rate time, and is well adapted to the river route.

April 6, 1864

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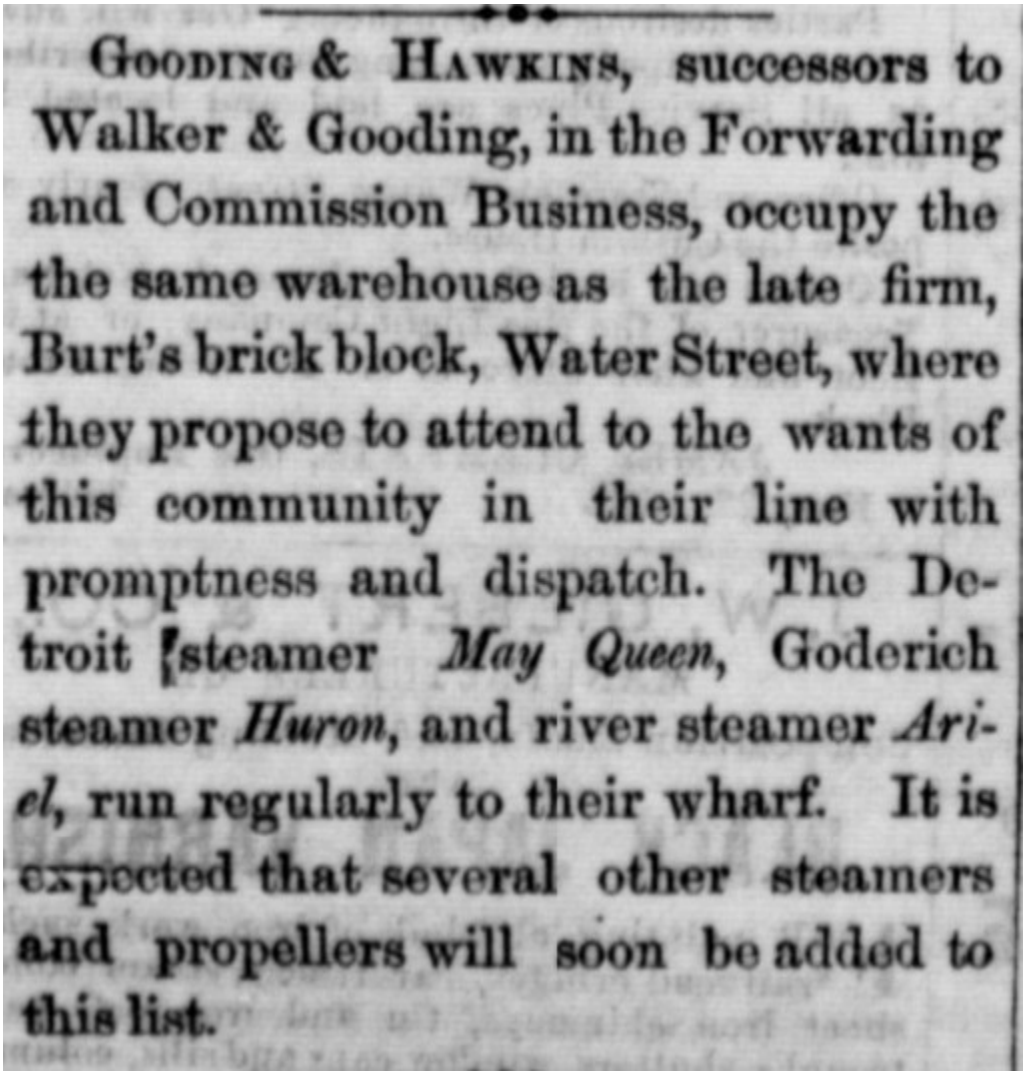

Gooding & Hawkins, successors to Walker & Gooding, in the Forwarding and Commission Business, occupy the the same warehouse as the late firm, Burt's brick block, Water Street, where they propose to attend to the wants of this community in their line with promptness and dispatch. The Detroit steamer *May Queen*, Goderich steamer *Huron*, and river steamer *Ariel*, run regularly to their wharf. It is expected that several other steamers and propellers will soon be added to this list.

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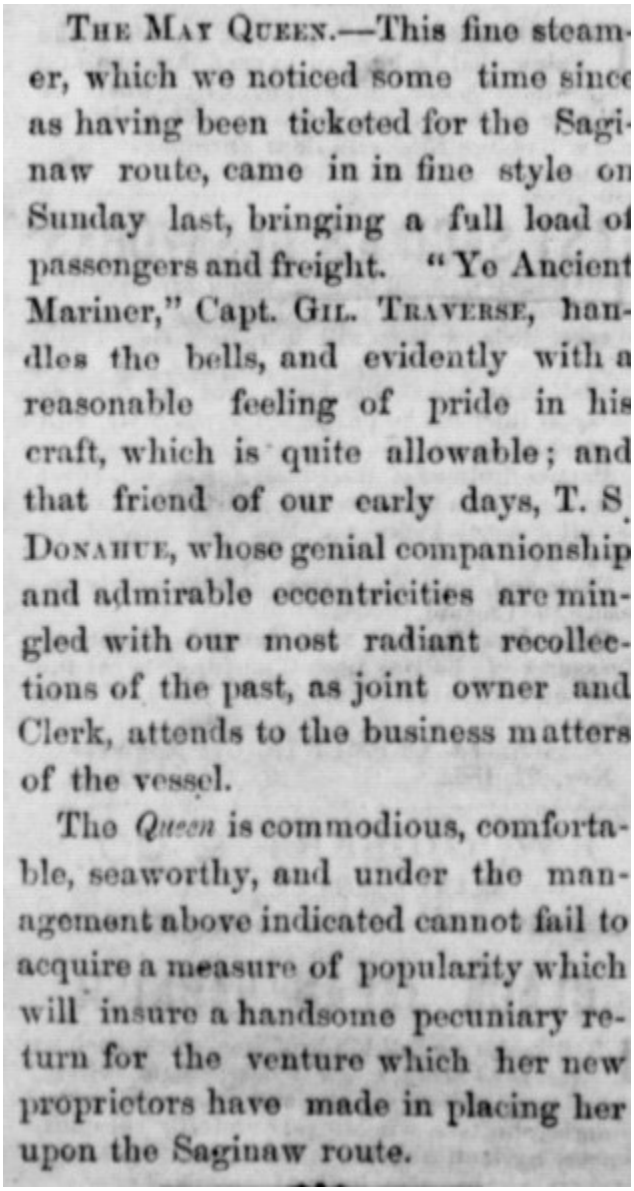

THE MAY QUEEN.—This fine steamer, which we noticed some time since as having been ticketed for the Saginaw route, came in in fine style on Sunday last, bringing a full load of passengers and freight. "Ye Ancient Mariner," Capt. GIL. TRAVERSE, handles the bells, and evidently with a reasonable feeling of pride in his craft, which is quite allowable; and that friend of our early days, T. S. DONAHUE, whose genial companionship and admirable eccentricities are mingled with our most radiant recollections of the past, as joint owner and Clerk, attends to the business matters of the vessel.

The *Queen* is commodious, comfortable, seaworthy, and under the management above indicated cannot fail to acquire a measure of popularity which will insure a handsome pecuniary return for the venture which her new proprietors have made in placing her upon the Saginaw route.

April 13, 1864

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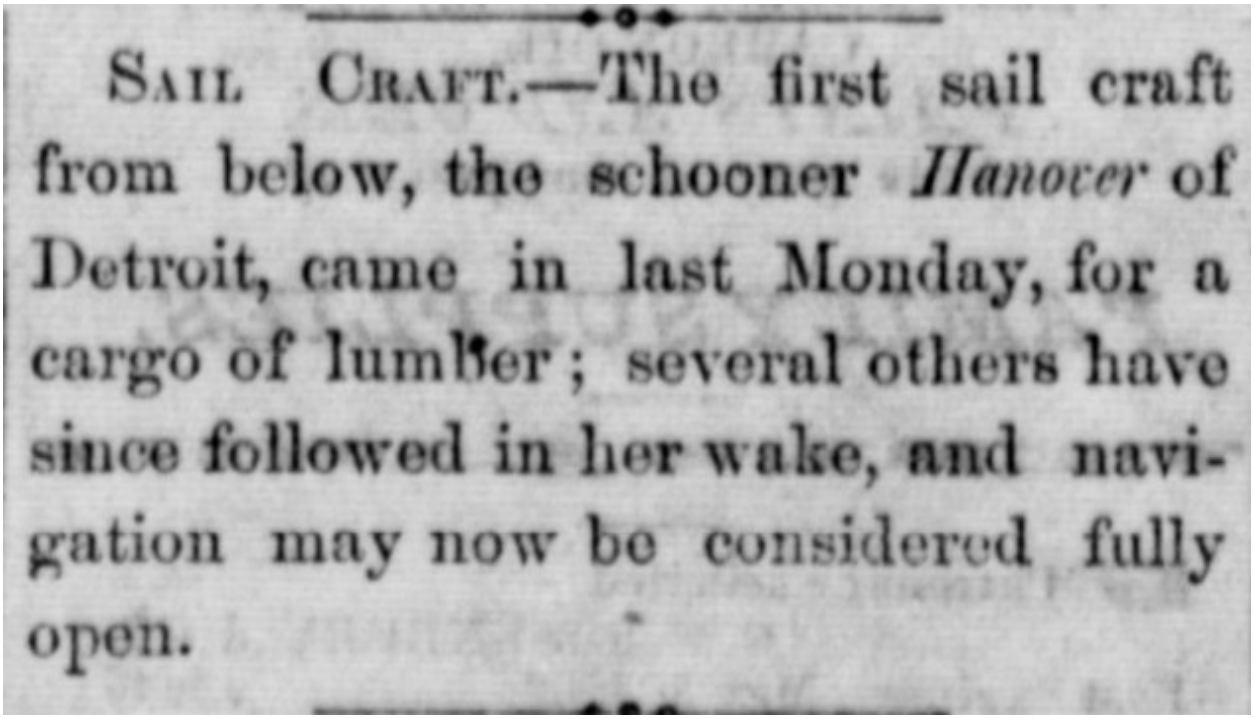

SAIL CRAFT.—The first sail craft from below, the schooner *Hanover* of Detroit, came in last Monday, for a cargo of lumber; several others have since followed in her wake, and navigation may now be considered fully open.

April 13, 1864

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GODERICH ROUTE.—This favorite route is better prepared than ever before for the transmission of passengers and freight to all points East and West. The staunch steamer *Huron*, having been chartered for the purpose, constitutes the line between here and Goderich, at which point she connects with the B. & L. H. Railway for the East, and Van Every & Rumbull's propeller *Niagara*, for Chicago and intermediate lake ports. The *Huron* has been thoroughly overhauled during the past winter, freshly painted, a new cabin added, and in point of style as well as reliability, she is fully up with the best steamers which run to this port. She leaves here every Monday and Thursday; Gooding & Hawkins, Agents.

April 27, 1864

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THE GENESEE CHIEF.—This propeller, built nearly twenty years ago by Geo. Steers for Rochester men, in the corporation limits of the city, has just been rebuilt and comes out said to be nearly as good as new to run between Buffalo and Saginaw. So much for the endurance of Rochester vessels built of Genesee oak.—*Rochester Union.*

The *Chief* is indeed, to all appearances, "as good as new," makes time in any and all weather, and is the finest modled craft for one of her size and description that comes into this port. She is to-day anything but discreditable to that self-made genius, Geo. Steers, whose "wave line" revolutionized ideas in regard to ship building the world over. Capt. ANDRUS who now runs the *Bancroft House* in this city, sailed the *Chief* in the days of her former glory.

May 4

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SIDE WHEEL STEAMERS.—There are no fewer than 15 side-wheel steamers plying on seven different passenger routes to and from this city, of which 14 are owned at this port. Three of the above boats ply to Lake Superior, three to Saginaw, two to Cleveland, two to Port Huron and Lexington, one to Malden, two to Chatham, and one to Trenton. The steamer Huron is also owned here, but is at present running between Saginaw and Goderich.—*Free Press.*

There are no fewer than nine side-

There are no fewer than nine side-wheel steamers plying on six different passenger routes to and from this city with one screw steamer running to St. Charles, which makes the number of routes equal to those of Detroit steamer lines. Three of the above boats ply to Toledo, touching *en route* at Detroit, one to Goderich, two to Bay City, one to Midland City and one to Cass River; those not owned here are owned elsewhere, and when Detroit could boast more routes and far more steamers on them than she can now, we didn't have a steamer and our city wasn't instituted.

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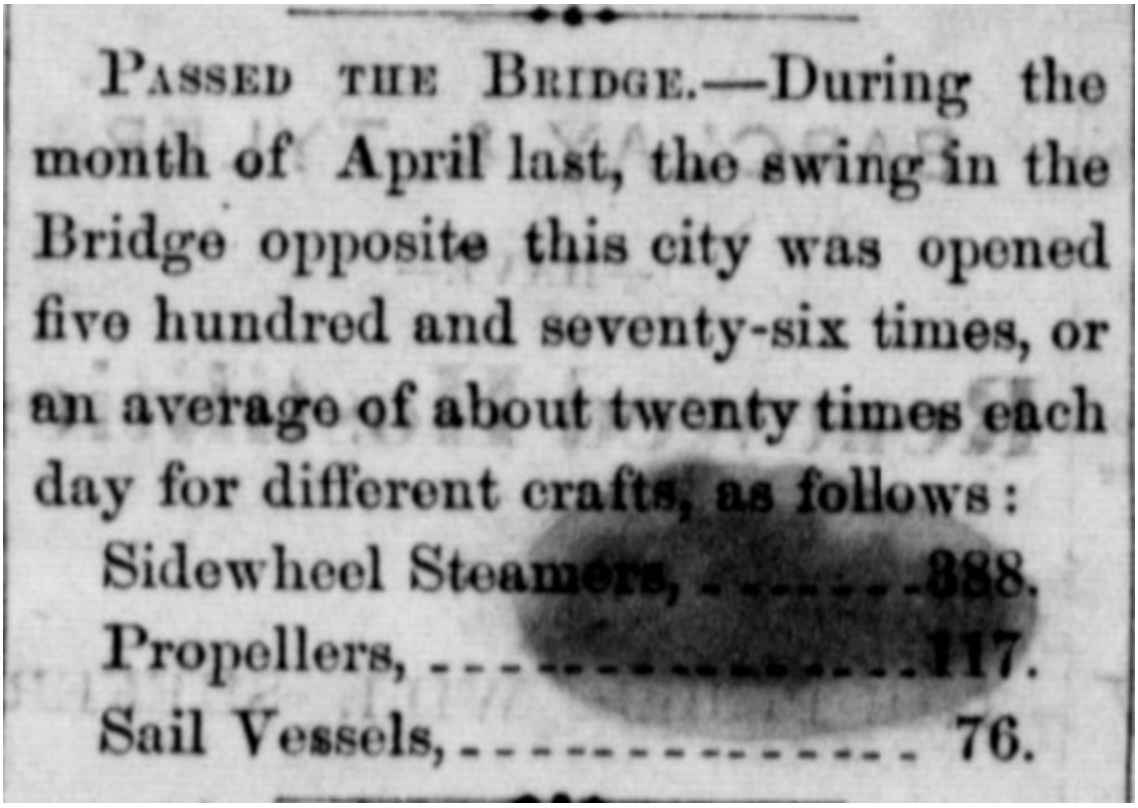

PASSED THE BRIDGE.—During the month of April last, the swing in the Bridge opposite this city was opened five hundred and seventy-six times, or an average of about twenty times each day for different crafts, as follows:

Sidewheel Steamers, - - - - - - - 388.
Propellers, - - - - - - - - - - - - - 117.
Sail Vessels, - - - - - - - - - - - - - 76.

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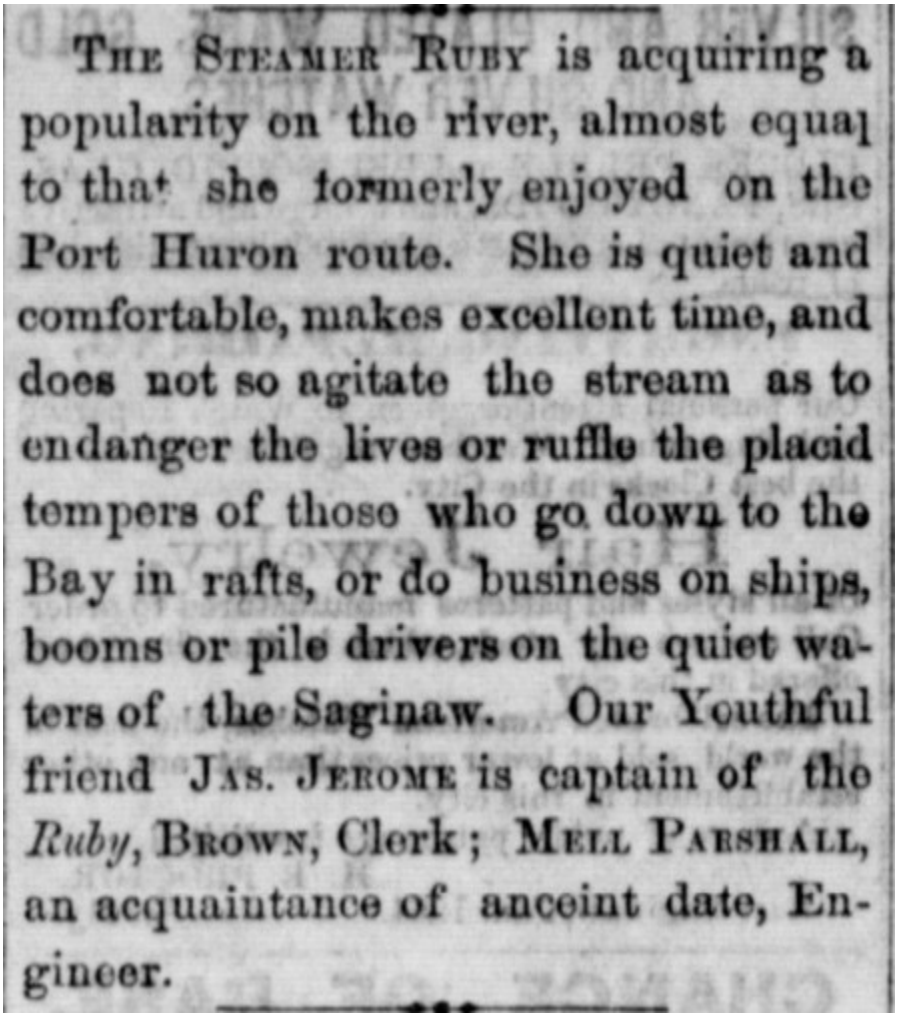

THE STEAMER RUBY is acquiring a popularity on the river, almost equal to that she formerly enjoyed on the Port Huron route. She is quiet and comfortable, makes excellent time, and does not so agitate the stream as to endanger the lives or ruffle the placid tempers of those who go down to the Bay in rafts, or do business on ships, booms or pile drivers on the quiet waters of the Saginaw. Our Youthful friend JAS. JEROME is captain of the *Ruby*, BROWN, Clerk; MELL PARSHALL, an acquaintance of anceint date, Engineer.

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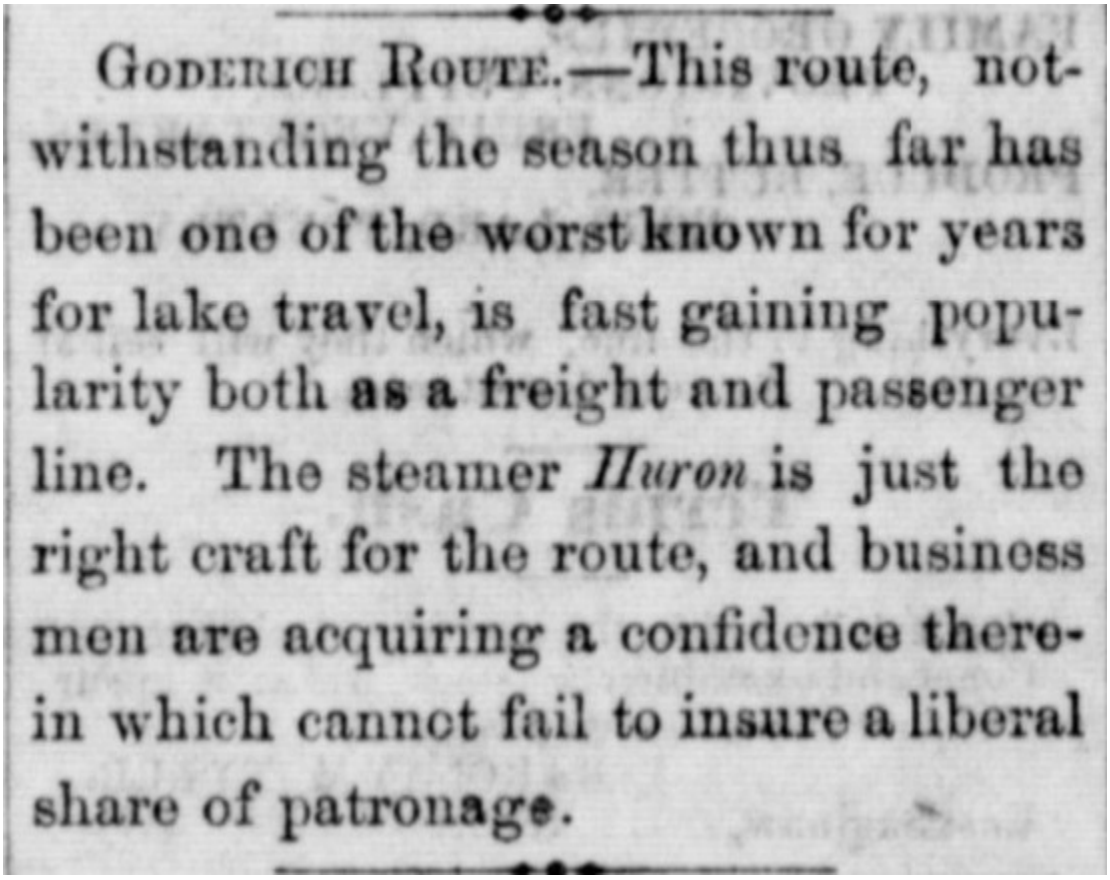

Goderich Route.—This route, notwithstanding the season thus far has been one of the worst known for years for lake travel, is fast gaining popularity both as a freight and passenger line. The steamer *Huron* is just the right craft for the route, and business men are acquiring a confidence therein which cannot fail to insure a liberal share of patronage.

May 11

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ACCIDENT TO THE MAY QUEEN.—In running along side of the pier at New River last Sunday, the *May Queen* struck a rock with sufficient force to puncture her bottom slightly, rendering it necessary for her to go into the dry dock when she reaches Detroit.—She landed at Bay City on Monday, sent her passengers and freight up by the Columbia, and returned at once to Detroit. The accident is by no means serious, and will not interfere at all with her regular trips. She leaves here next Friday at 7 P. M., from Gooding & Hawkins' dock.

May 11

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PLEASURE EXCURSION TO GODERICH.—The Steamer *Huron* gives a pleasure excursion to Goderich, on Monday next, leaving here at 9 A. M., and arriving in Goderich in time for passengers to witness the celebration of the Queen's birthday which, itis said, promises to be an unusually fine affair. The East Saginaw Silver Cornet Band accompanies the excursion. Fare to Goderich and return, $5,00.

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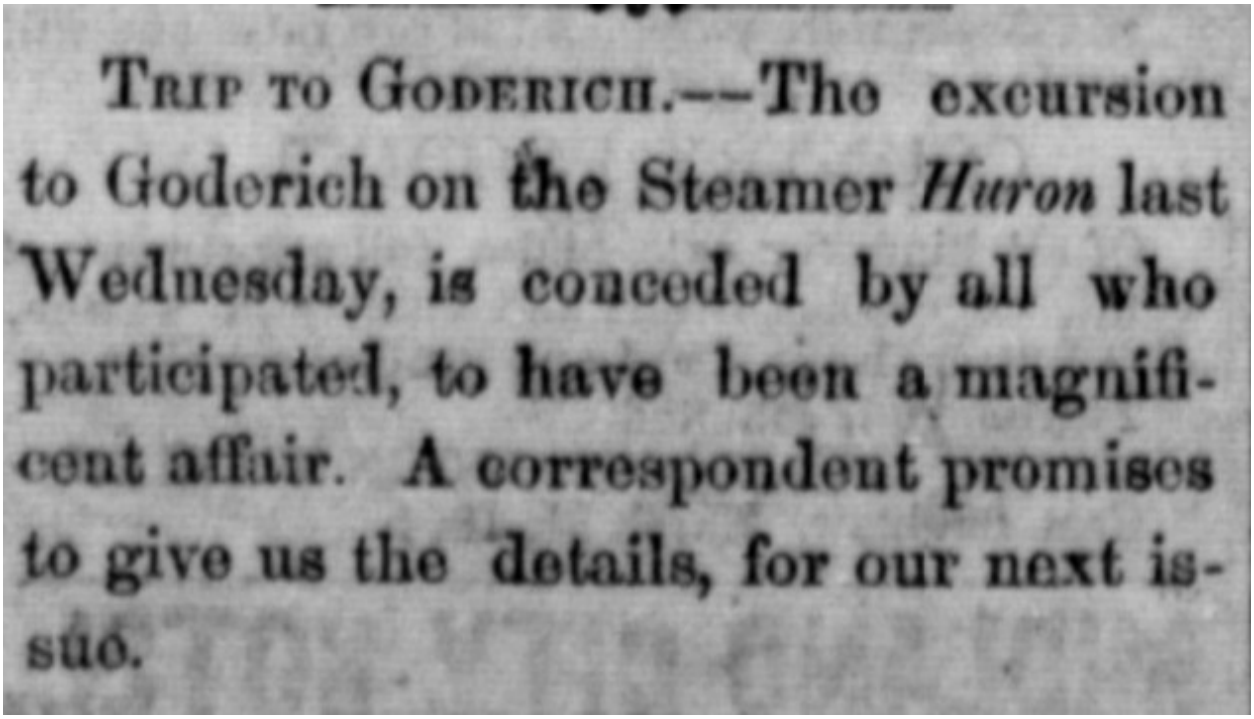

TRIP TO GODERICH.—The excursion to Goderich on the Steamer *Huron* last Wednesday, is conceded by all who participated, to have been a magnificent affair. A correspondent promises to give us the details, for our next issue.

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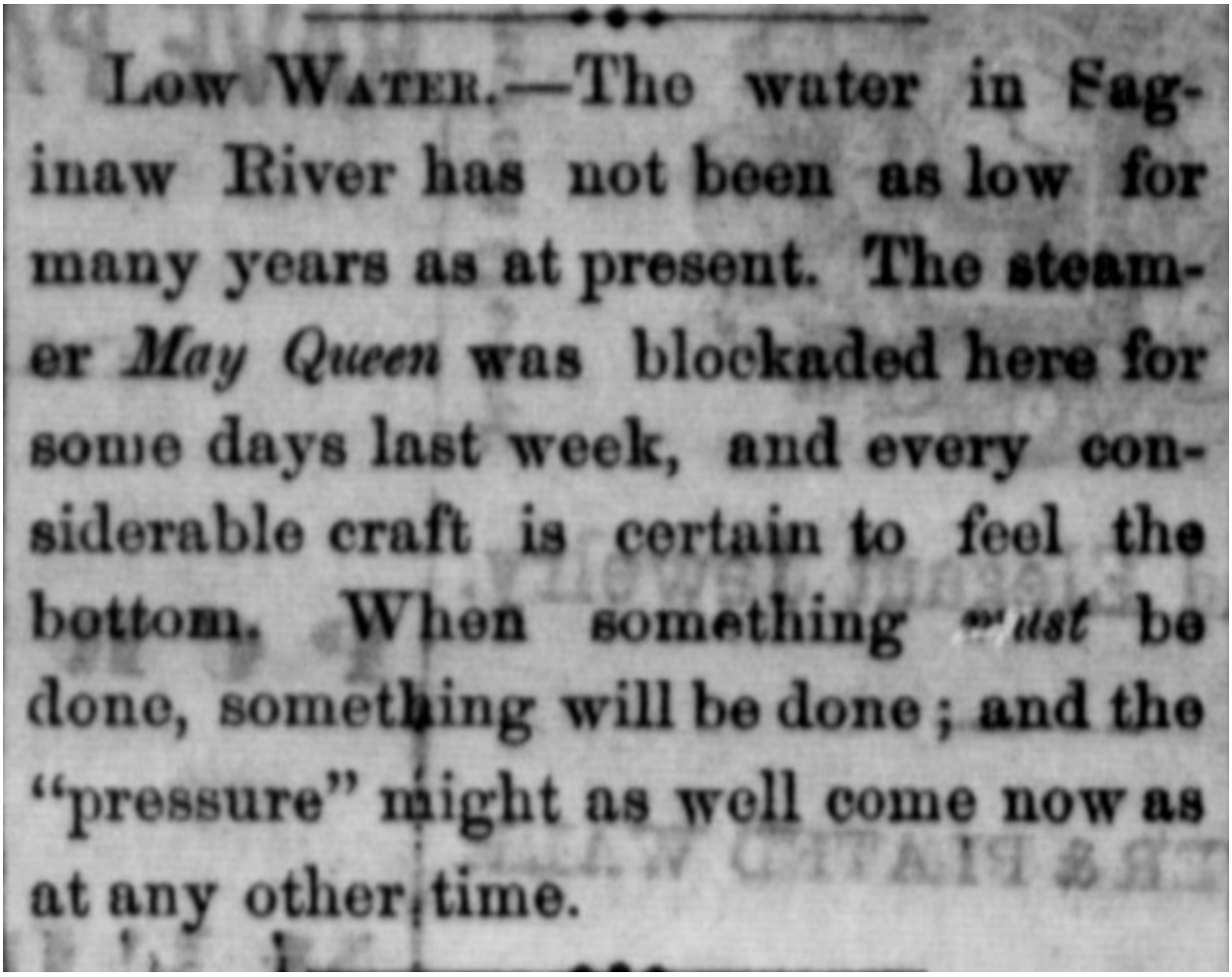

Low Water.—The water in Saginaw River has not been as low for many years as at present. The steamer *May Queen* was blockaded here for some days last week, and every considerable craft is certain to feel the bottom. When something *must* be done, something will be done; and the "pressure" might as well come now as at any other time.

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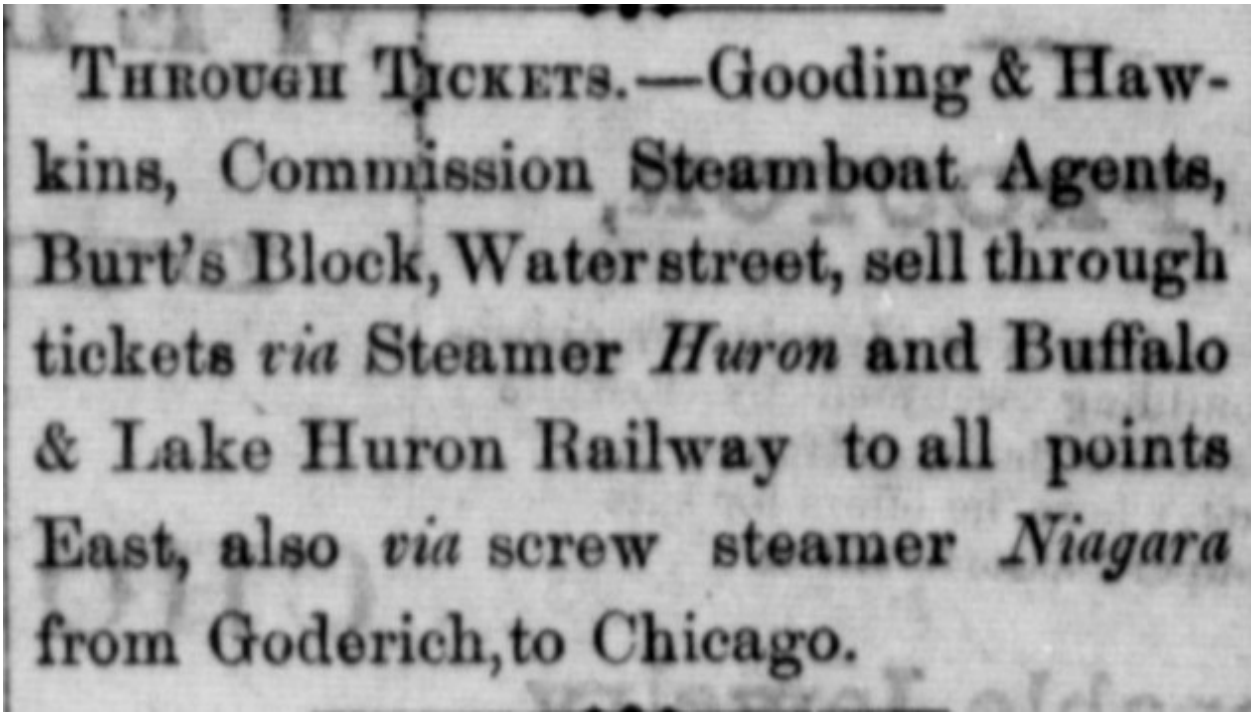
THROUGH TICKETS.—Gooding & Hawkins, Commission Steamboat Agents, Burt's Block, Waterstreet, sell through tickets *via* Steamer *Huron* and Buffalo & Lake Huron Railway to all points East, also *via* screw steamer *Niagara* from Goderich, to Chicago.

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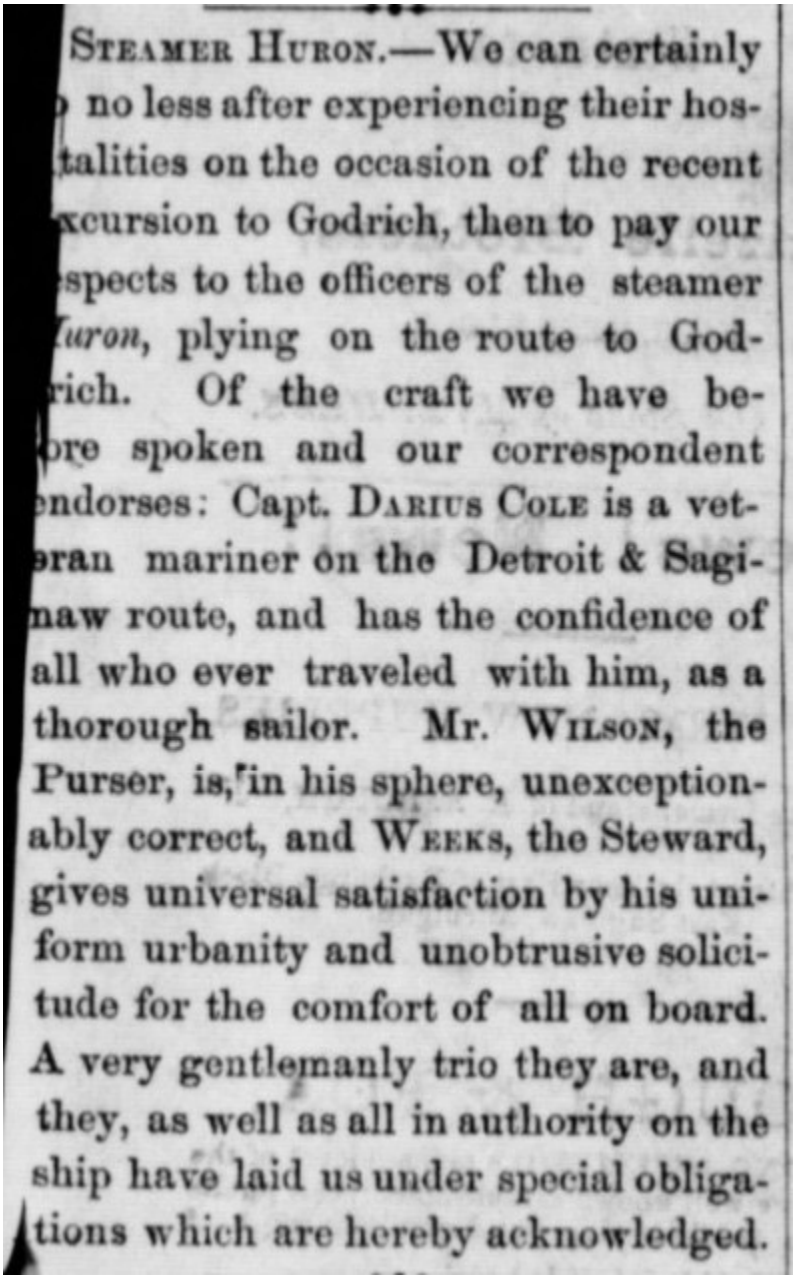

STEAMER HURON.—We can certainly
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A very gentlemanly trio they are, and
they, as well as all in authority on the
ship have laid us under special obliga-
tions which are hereby acknowledged.

June 1

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PASSED THE BRIDGE.—The following craft passed the swing bridge opposite this city during the month of May:

Side-wheel Steamers	630
Propellers	224
Vessels	78

June 8

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DETROIT LINE OF STEAMERS—THE SUSAN WARD.—The steamer *May Queen* having been withdrawn from the Detroit and Saginaw route on account of the insufficiency of water in the river, the business of that route of necessity must now be done by the two steamers of Ward's line, the *Forest Queen* and *Susan Ward*, the owners of which will doubtless see the expediency of fair and liberal dealing with the people of Saginaw Valley. The time table is as follows:

A Steamer leaves Detroit every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10, A. M., leaves East Saginaw every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 A. M. Of the *Queen* we have often spoken before; the *Susan Ward* is a new, low pressure steamer—this being only her second season—was built especially for this route, is staunch, tried and sea-worthy, makes time promptly in all weather, and though not large, is so judiciously arranged as to give the best of accomodations to passengers, and afford ample storage for freight. Messrs GOODING AND HAWKINS are Agents for the *Ward* in this city.

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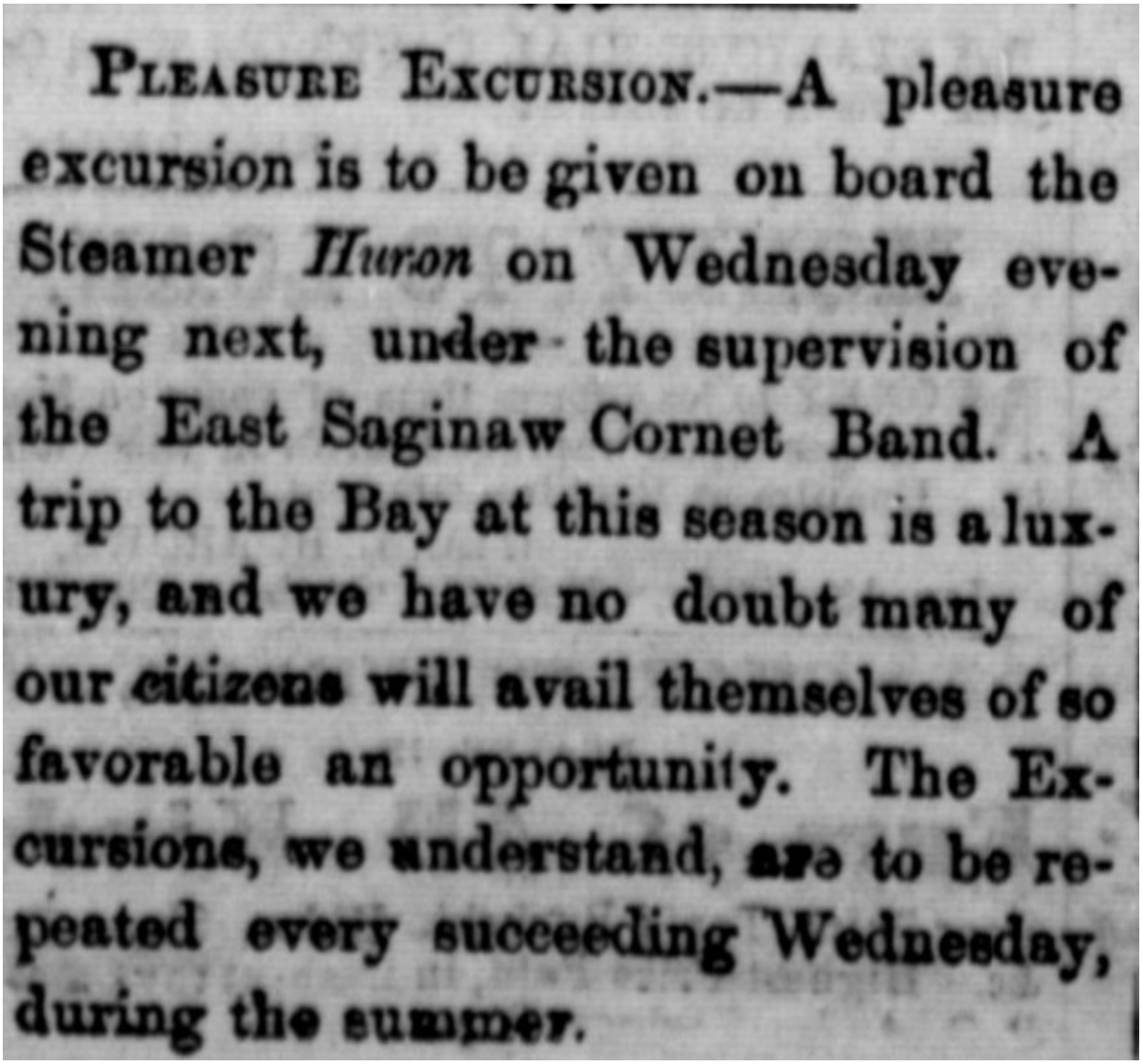

PLEASURE EXCURSION.—A pleasure excursion is to be given on board the Steamer *Huron* on Wednesday evening next, under the supervision of the East Saginaw Cornet Band. A trip to the Bay at this season is a luxury, and we have no doubt many of our citizens will avail themselves of so favorable an opportunity. The Excursions, we understand, are to be repeated every succeeding Wednesday, during the summer.

June 22

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PASSED THE BRIDGE.—The following is a statement of the steam and sail craft which passed the swing bridge opposite this city during the month of June last:

Side and Stern-wheel Steamers	675
Propellers	216
Vessels towed	68
" sailed through	22
Total,	981

ALMOST A FIRE.—The little propeller *Peck* took fire about 9 o'clock last Saturday evening, near the wheel house, and but for its timely discovery would soon have been burned, as the flames made rapid progress for a few moments. As it was, the loss, mainly in damage to the light upper work, was not heavy.

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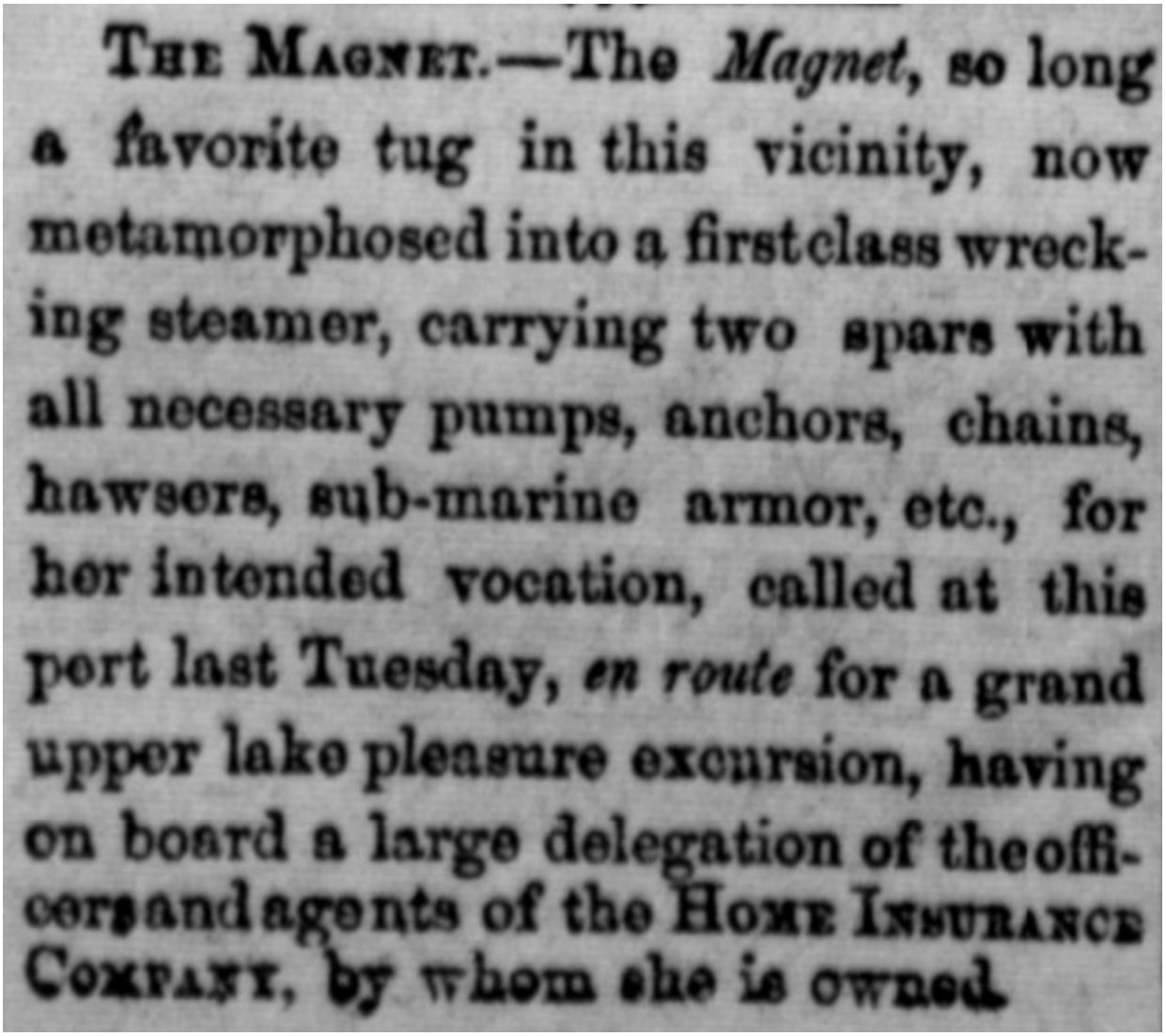

THE MAGNET.—The *Magnet*, so long a favorite tug in this vicinity, now metamorphosed into a firstclass wrecking steamer, carrying two spars with all necessary pumps, anchors, chains, hawsers, sub-marine armor, etc., for her intended vocation, called at this port last Tuesday, *en route* for a grand upper lake pleasure excursion, having on board a large delegation of the officers and agents of the HOME INSURANCE COMPANY, by whom she is owned.

July 13

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Excursion.

The steamer *Susan Ward* goes out on an excursion to the Bay, at 9 o'clock A. M., on Saturday, July 23d, for the benefit of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, to aid in paying a debt now standing against them. Good music will be secured for the occasion, and all arrangements made to insure a pleasant trip. Tickets may be found at T. E. Doughty's book store, and at the stores of John Derby, Bliss, Janes & Co., Ed. Goesschell & Bros., Genesee street, and of O. H. P. Champlain, city mills. Single tickets, $1 each; gentleman and lady, 1.50.—*Enterprise.*

Participants in the excursion above mentioned will have the full value of their investment in the pleasure, incident to a most refreshing trip, and at the same time experience the satisfaction which results from every effort to aid in forwarding a worthy object.

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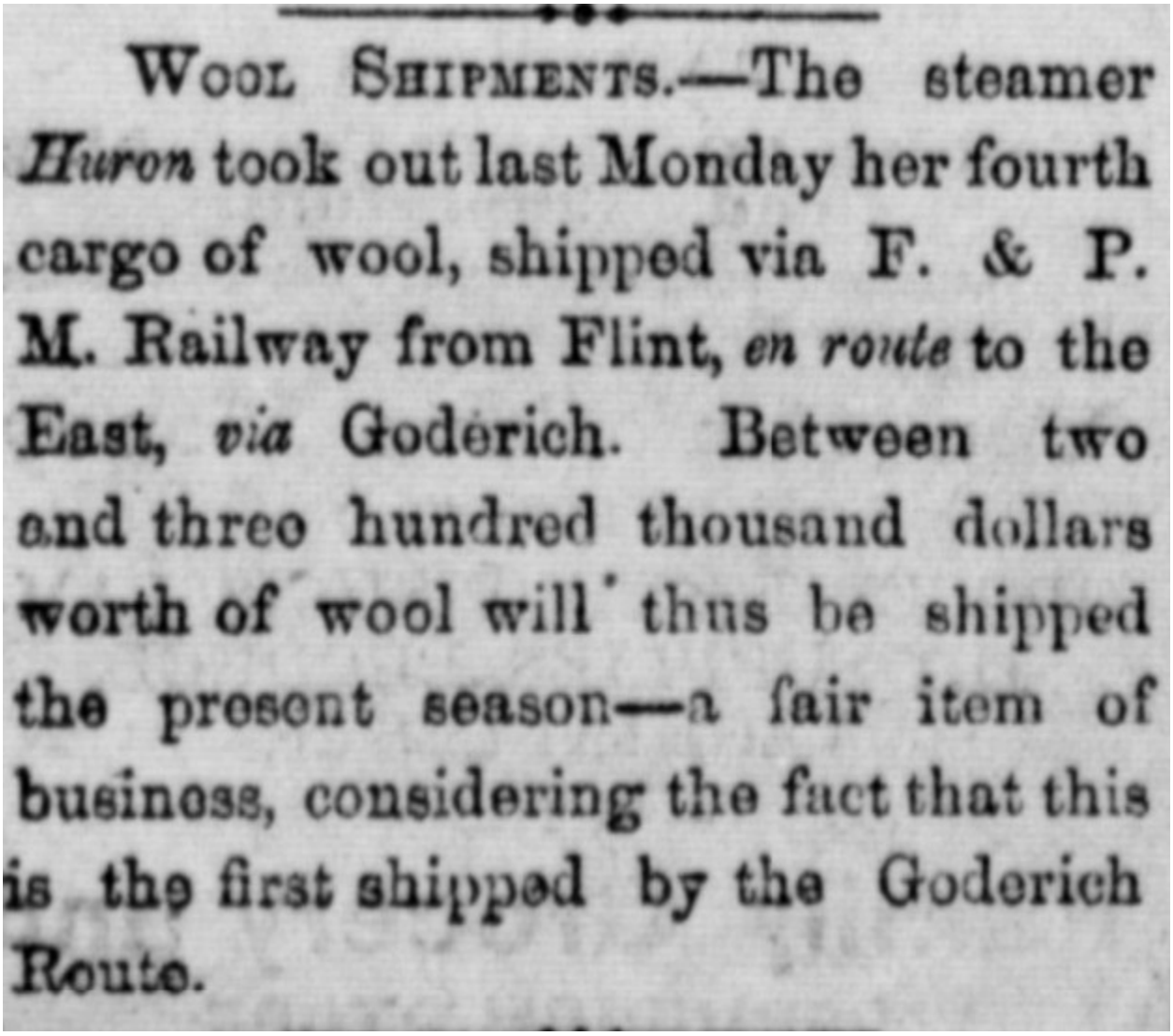

Wool Shipments.—The steamer *Huron* took out last Monday her fourth cargo of wool, shipped via F. & P. M. Railway from Flint, *en route* to the East, *via* Goderich. Between two and three hundred thousand dollars worth of wool will thus be shipped the present season—a fair item of business, considering the fact that this is the first shipped by the Goderich Route.

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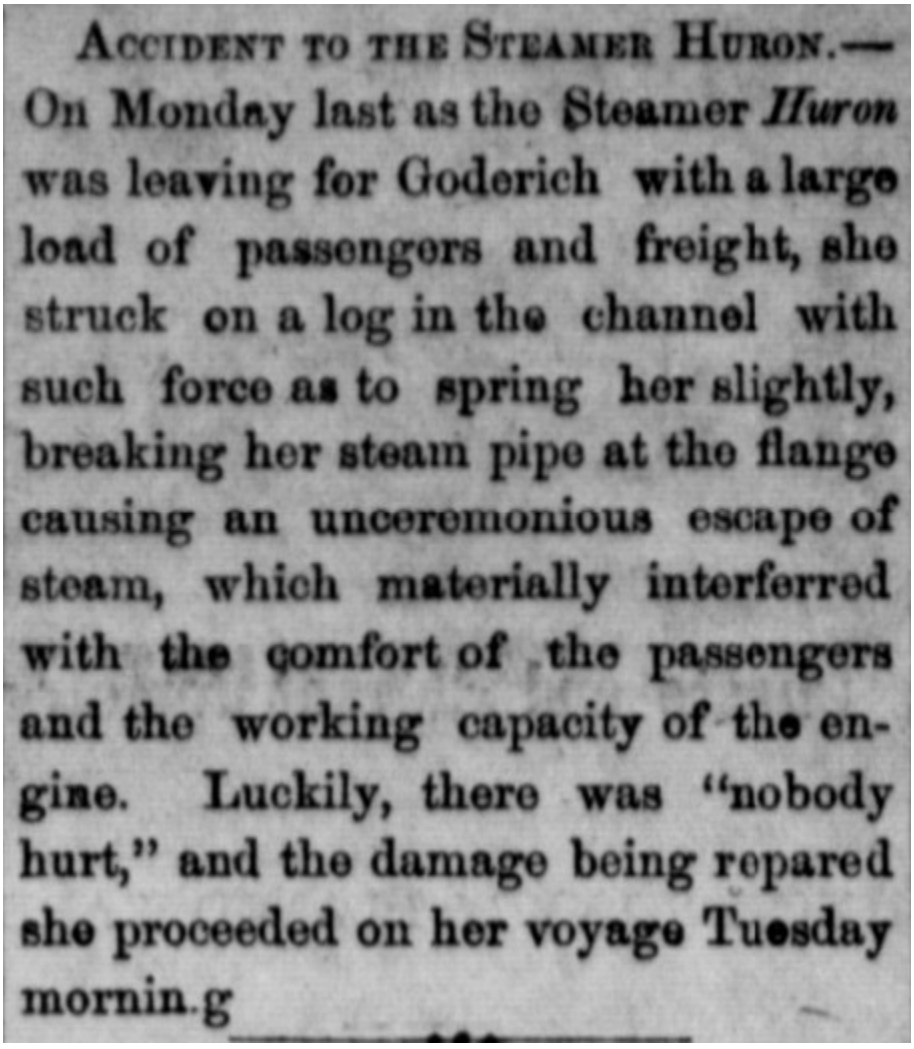

ACCIDENT TO THE STEAMER HURON.—On Monday last as the Steamer *Huron* was leaving for Goderich with a large load of passengers and freight, she struck on a log in the channel with such force as to spring her slightly, breaking her steam pipe at the flange causing an unceremonious escape of steam, which materially interferred with the comfort of the passengers and the working capacity of the engine. Luckily, there was "nobody hurt," and the damage being repared she proceeded on her voyage Tuesday mornin.g

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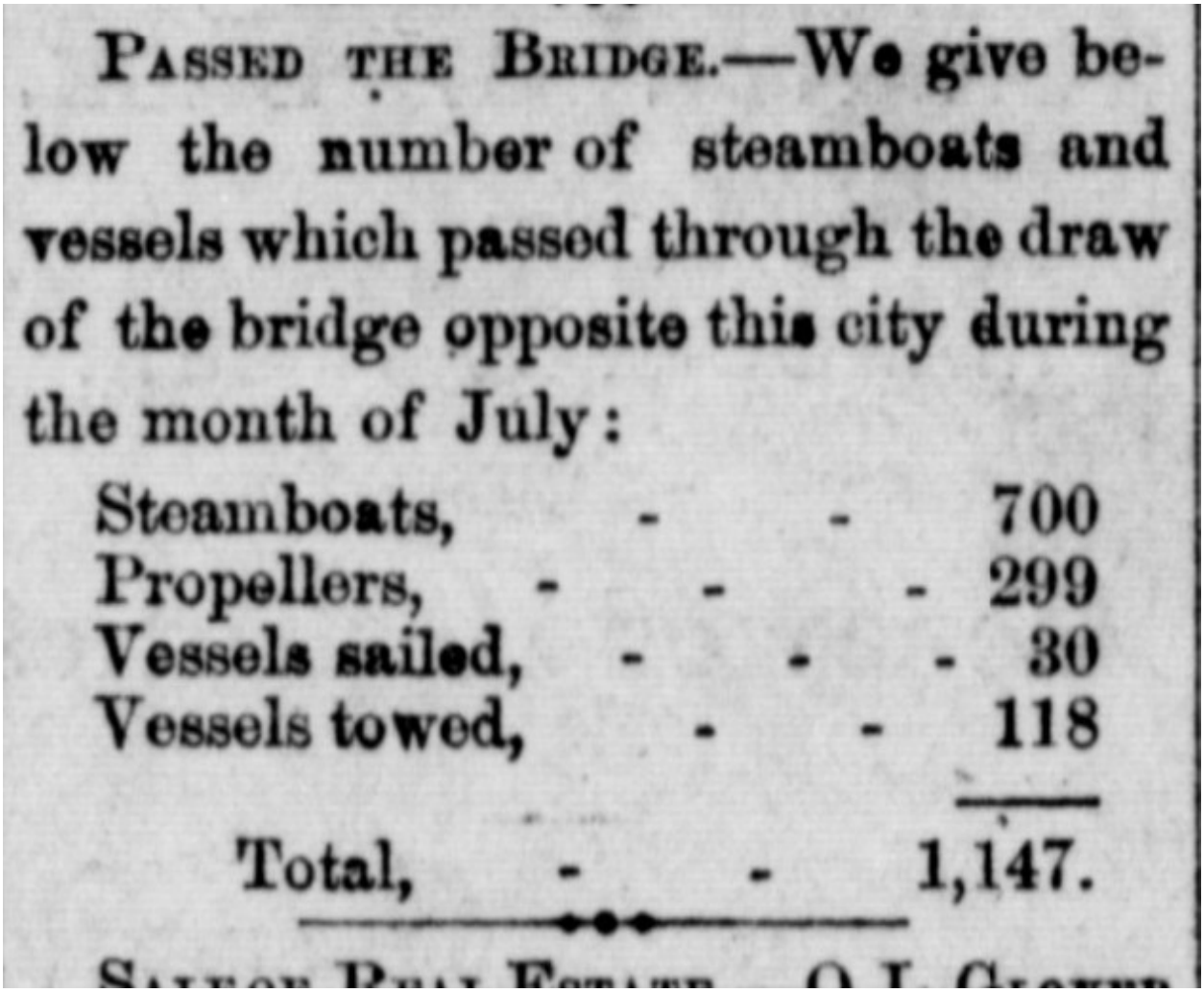

PASSED THE BRIDGE.—We give below the number of steamboats and vessels which passed through the draw of the bridge opposite this city during the month of July:

Steamboats, - -	700
Propellers, - - -	299
Vessels sailed, - - -	30
Vessels towed, - -	118
Total, - -	1,147.

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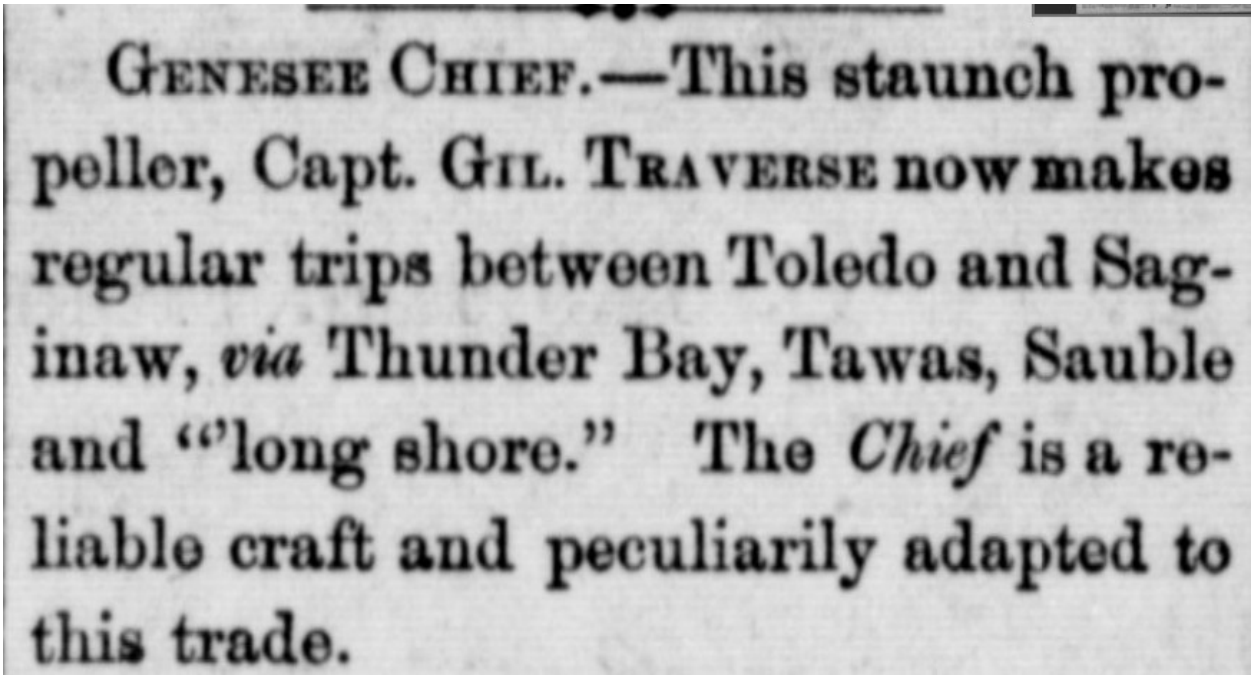
GENESEE CHIEF.—This staunch propeller, Capt. GIL. TRAVERSE now makes regular trips between Toledo and Saginaw, *via* Thunder Bay, Tawas, Sauble and "long shore." The *Chief* is a reliable craft and peculiarily adapted to this trade.

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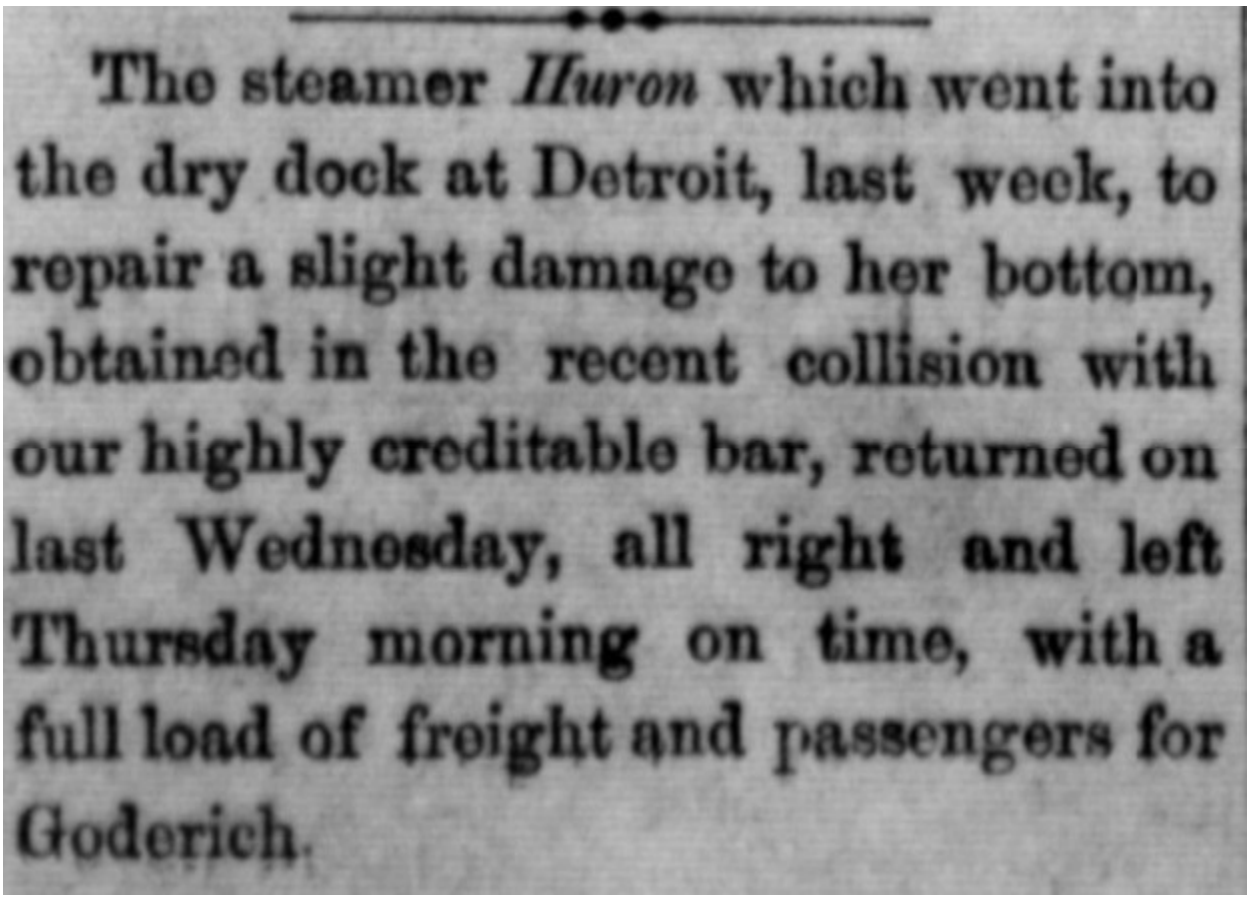
The steamer *Huron* which went into the dry dock at Detroit, last week, to repair a slight damage to her bottom, obtained in the recent collision with our highly creditable bar, returned on last Wednesday, all right and left Thursday morning on time, with a full load of freight and passengers for Goderich.

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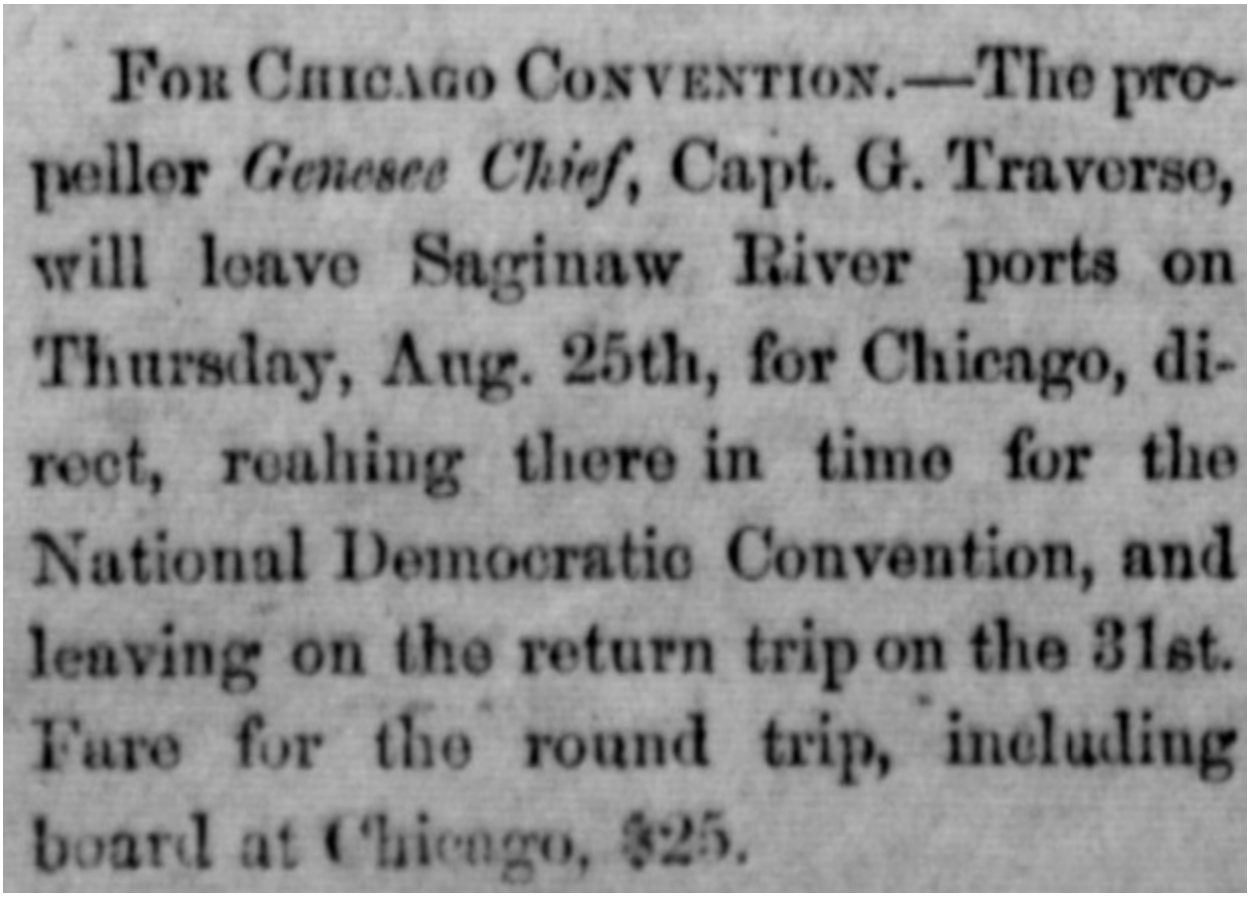
For Chicago Convention.—The propeller *Genesee Chief*, Capt. G. Traverse, will leave Saginaw River ports on Thursday, Aug. 25th, for Chicago, direct, reaching there in time for the National Democratic Convention, and leaving on the return trip on the 31st. Fare for the round trip, including board at Chicago, $25.

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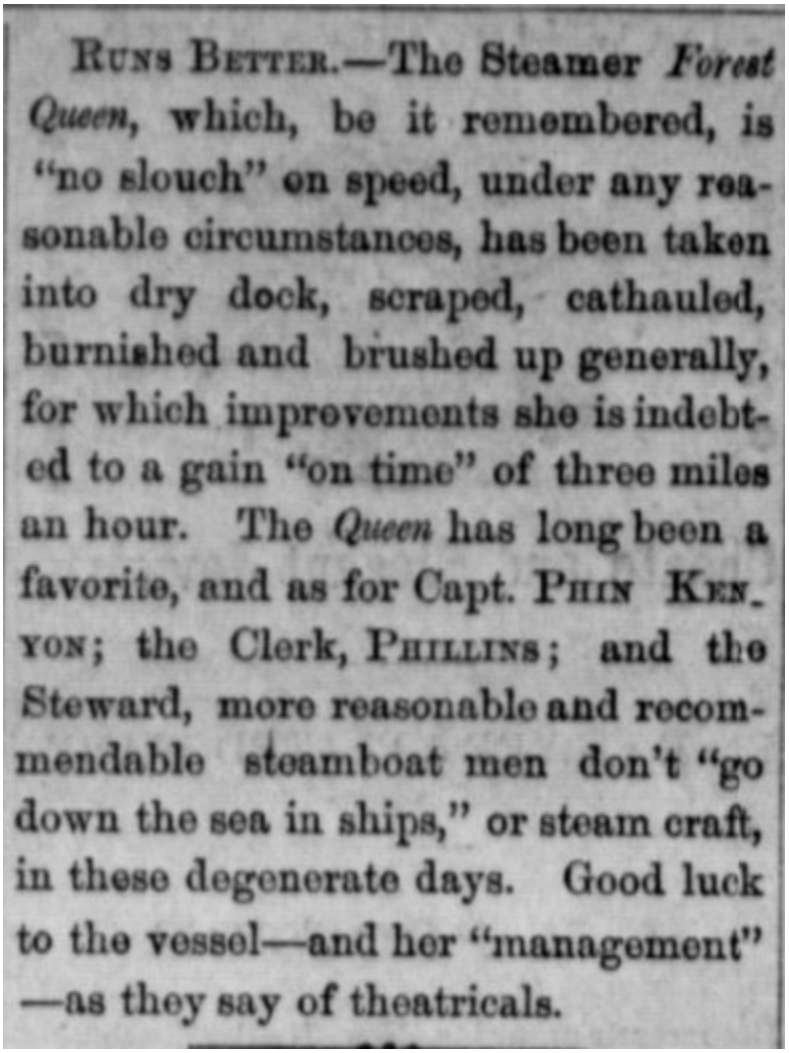

RUNS BETTER.—The Steamer *Forest Queen*, which, be it remembered, is "no slouch" on speed, under any reasonable circumstances, has been taken into dry dock, scraped, cathauled, burnished and brushed up generally, for which improvements she is indebted to a gain "on time" of three miles an hour. The *Queen* has long been a favorite, and as for Capt. PHIN KENYON; the Clerk, PHILLINS; and the Steward, more reasonable and recommendable steamboat men don't "go down the sea in ships," or steam craft, in these degenerate days. Good luck to the vessel—and her "management" —as they say of theatricals.

August 24

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ACCIDENT TO THE HURON.--The Goderich Steamer *Huron* while *en route* from Goderich last Sunday P. M. was brought to an unceremonious stop about fifteen miles this side of the Charities by the breaking of hor piston rod and piston head. Luckely there was no sea running and she lay quietly at anchor until a tug reached her on Monday morning at 4 o'clock, when she was towed to Bay City. It will require only about a week's time to make the necessary repairs when she will again resume her trips.

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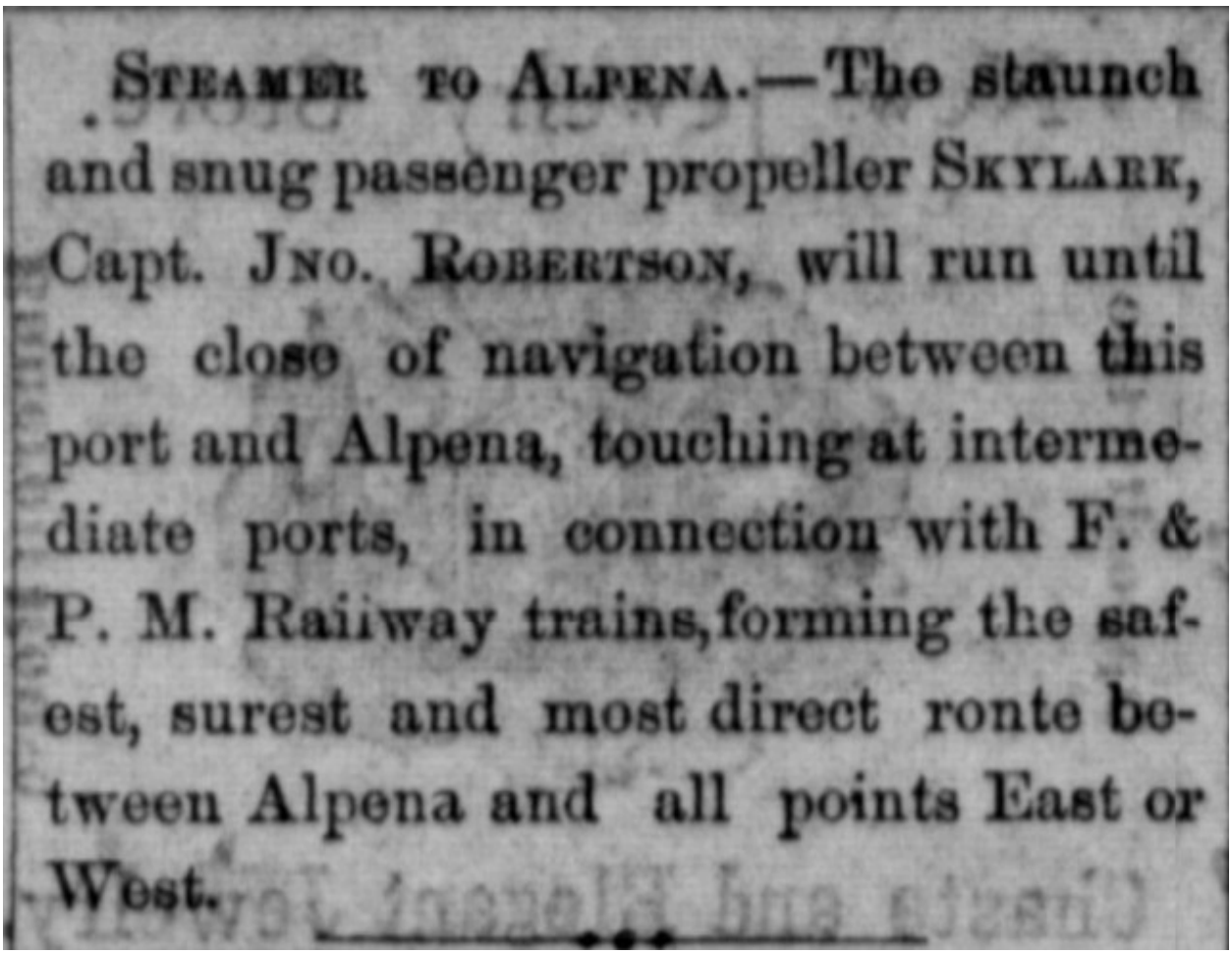

STEAMER TO ALPENA.—The staunch and snug passenger propeller SKYLARK, Capt. JNO. ROBERTSON, will run until the close of navigation between this port and Alpena, touching at intermediate ports, in connection with F. & P. M. Railway trains, forming the safest, surest and most direct ronte between Alpena and all points East or West.

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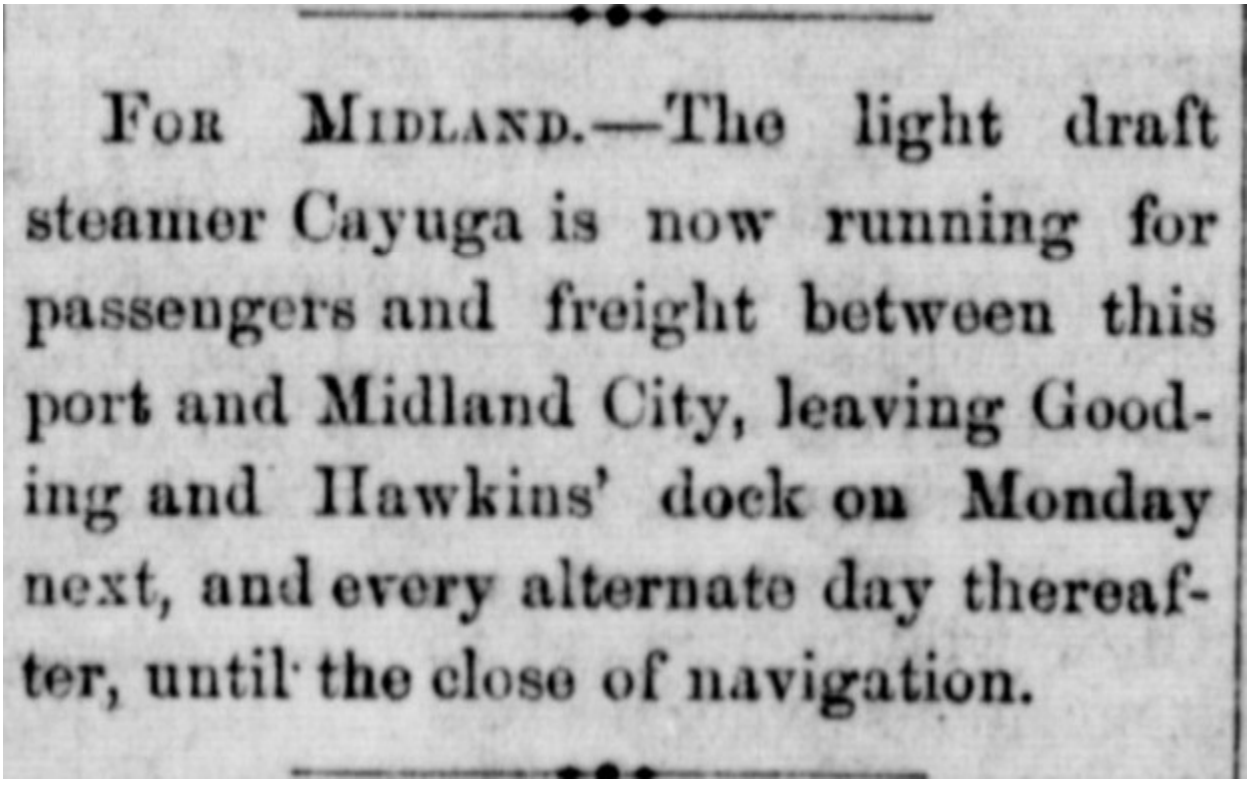

For Midland.—The light draft steamer Cayuga is now running for passengers and freight between this port and Midland City, leaving Gooding and Hawkins' dock on Monday next, and every alternate day thereafter, until the close of navigation.

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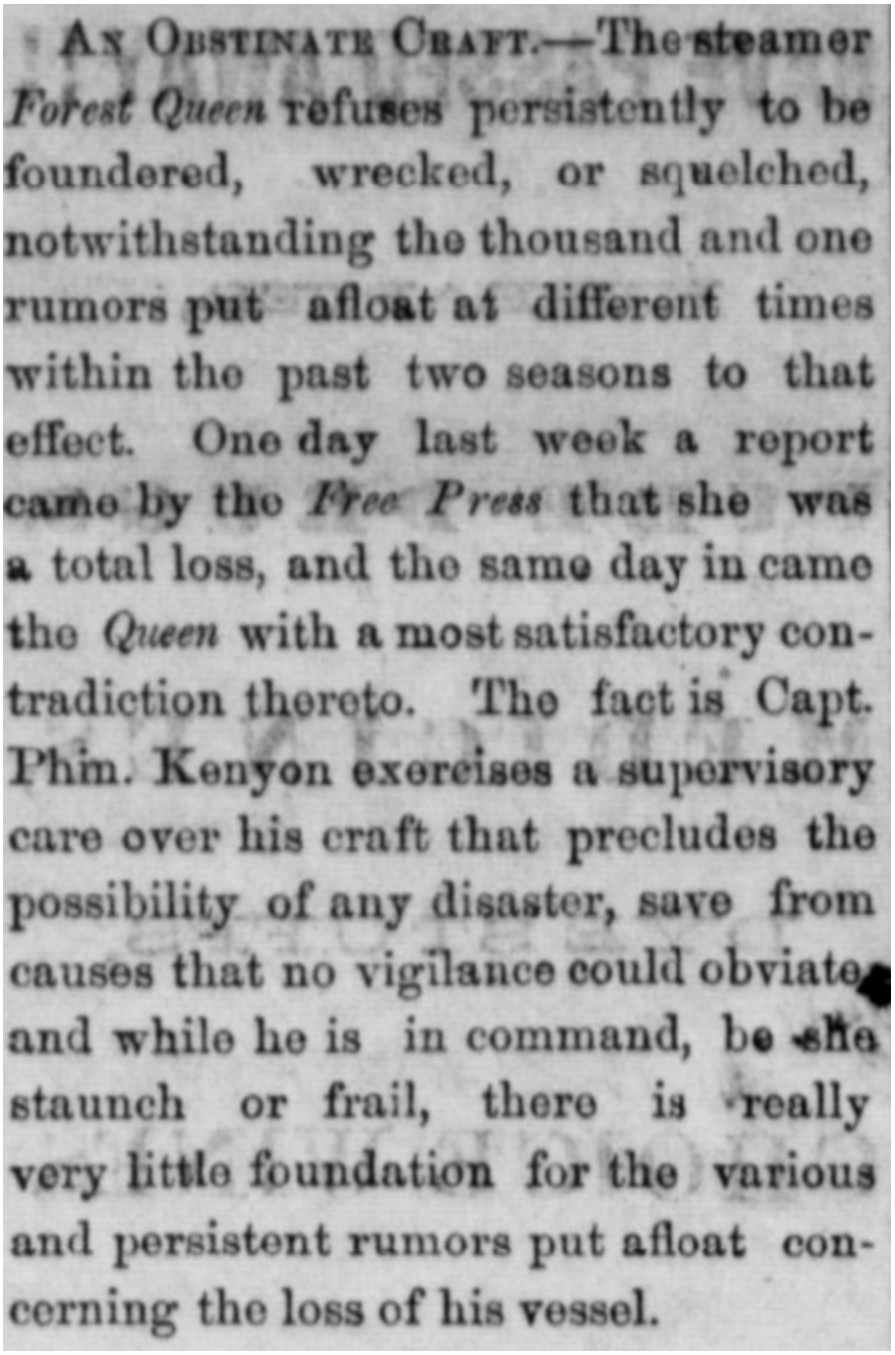

AN OBSTINATE CRAFT.—The steamer *Forest Queen* refuses persistently to be foundered, wrecked, or squelched, notwithstanding the thousand and one rumors put afloat at different times within the past two seasons to that effect. One day last week a report came by the *Free Press* that she was a total loss, and the same day in came the *Queen* with a most satisfactory contradiction thereto. The fact is Capt. Phim. Kenyon exercises a supervisory care over his craft that precludes the possibility of any disaster, save from causes that no vigilance could obviate, and while he is in command, be she staunch or frail, there is really very little foundation for the various and persistent rumors put afloat concerning the loss of his vessel.

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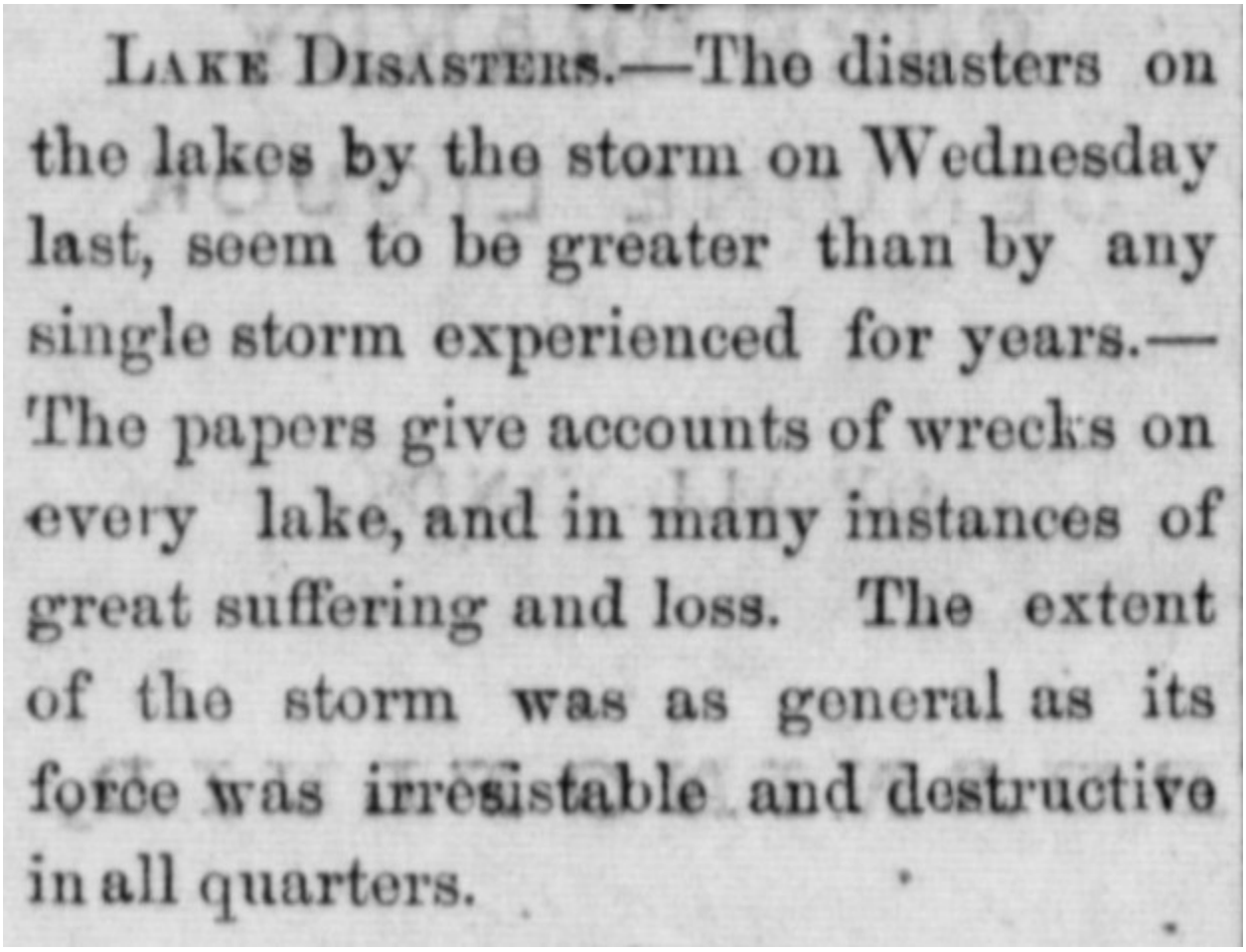

LAKE DISASTERS.—The disasters on the lakes by the storm on Wednesday last, seem to be greater than by any single storm experienced for years.—The papers give accounts of wrecks on every lake, and in many instances of great suffering and loss. The extent of the storm was as general as its force was irresistable and destructive in all quarters.

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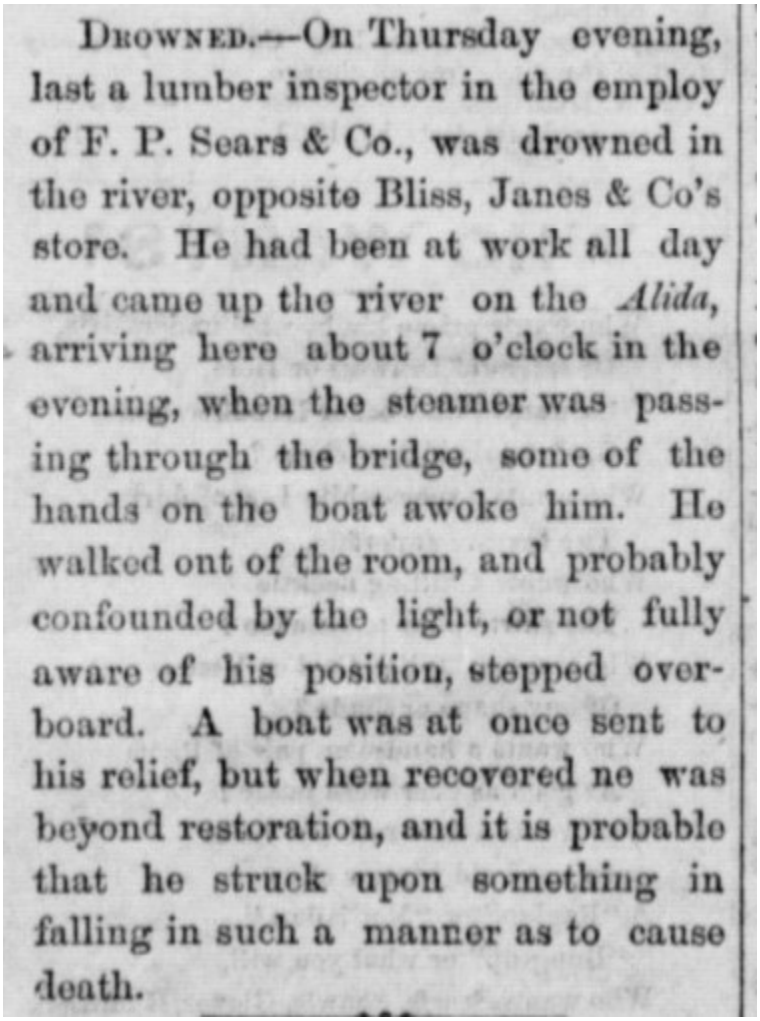

DROWNED.—On Thursday evening, last a lumber inspector in the employ of F. P. Sears & Co., was drowned in the river, opposite Bliss, Janes & Co's store. He had been at work all day and came up the river on the *Alida*, arriving here about 7 o'clock in the evening, when the steamer was passing through the bridge, some of the hands on the boat awoke him. He walked ont of the room, and probably confounded by the light, or not fully aware of his position, stepped overboard. A boat was at once sent to his relief, but when recovered ne was beyond restoration, and it is probable that he struck upon something in falling in such a manner as to cause death.

December 7

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